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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action that was mailed October 1, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action").

Claim Amendments

The Office Action indicated that claims 4-12, 26 and 28 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 26 and 28 have been so amended.

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended to correct its dependency in light of the amendment of claim 4. Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Support for the amendments to claim 4 are found in original claim 1 and throughout the specification. No new matter is introduced by this amendment nor does the amendment constitute a narrowing of the scope of original claim 4. Claim 25 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 25. Support for the amendments to claim 26 are found in original claim 25 and throughout the specification. No new matter is introduced by this amendment nor does the amendment constitute a narrowing of the scope of original claim 26. Claim 27 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 28 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 25 and 27. Support for the amendments to claim 28 are found in claims 25 and 27 and throughout the specification. No new matter is introduced by this amendment nor does the amendment constitute a narrowing of the scope of original claim 28.

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All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection are believed to have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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